



Funny, It Doesn't Look Like a Law Office

... but at Jane Hardin's Community Laundries and elsewhere in Capitol East, community legal offices are cropping up to assist those who might otherwise be unable to obtain the assistance of an attorney.

In a story on page 10, Greg Lawrence tells where and why.

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News Notes

A SPECIAL COMMITTEE, headed by city anti-poverty boss Wiley Branton, has come up with a new plan to end the crisis in the Near NE anti-poverty program. See story page 10.

□ LCLA SINGLETARY, A staff member of the Near NE anti-poverty program, has been elected chairman of the Area 15 Neighborhood Planning Council. Former chairman Wilhelmina Payne, who withdrew from the race at the last minute, charged that Mrs. Singletary was in a conflict-of-interest situation because of her job. The downtown anti-poverty people have been putting the heat on Mrs. Singletary to resign from one of the two positions. She's indicated that if it comes to that, she'll choose the Council post.

□ THE SOCIAL SECURITY Administration has opened a neighborhood office at 402 H NE to serve residents of zip zones 20002 and 20003. Telephone number is 962-4651.

□ FOR THE FIRST time in quite a few months, crime in the 5th Precinct went up over the previous year. January figures show a 2.2% increase over January 1967. In the 9th Precinct, there was a 18.4% increase over the same period. Although the 9th's increase was higher than the city average, it was the smallest increase for the precinct in many months.

□ IF THE AIR seems a little clearer these days, it's because burning at the Kenilworth dump has finally stopped.

□ ARCHITECT LAWRENCE HALPRIN says that a "depolluted" lagoon can be created in Kingman Lake by the summer of 1969. It would equal 100 new swimming pools for the city.

Freeways Hit Detour As Court Halts Projects

Vote Drive Lagging Here

LAGGING voter registration in Capitol East and elsewhere in the city has led District officials to schedule an additional weekend of neighborhood registration, March 8 and 9. There previously had been only one March weekend slated: March 22 and 23. (For locations of neighborhood registration centers and other information, see page 4.)

While figures for the February registration weekend were not available at presstime, the January totals show the disappointing trend. Only 1168 persons signed up during that month's registration weekend in Capitol East. In 1964, over 22,000 Capitol East residents registered.

Agencies Face Funding Crisis

THE Near SE Neighborhood Advisory Council, at its Feb. 26 meeting, refused to back down from its earlier stand in support of complete funding by the United Planning Organization of both the Friendship House Neighborhood Development Program and Community Action, Inc.

Community Action, Inc., run by Jane Hardin in connection with Community Laundries at 1125 Penna. SE, has been told that its previous funding under a special federal demonstration grant cannot continue and that new funds will have to come from the regular community action program budget.

Friendship House director Robert Adams recently wrote UPO director

Registration prior to March 23 will permit voting in both the May 7 primary and the November election. The procedure is simple, requiring only a signature on an affidavit form.

Local political leaders are openly dismayed at the turnout so far. They cited lack of a local issue, poor promotion of the registration drive by the city, and the necessity to re-register every four years as among the reasons for it.

Although registration activity clearly picked up in February, the totals for the month were expected to be discouraging. A massive turnout in March will be required to bring totals to the 1964 levels.

Big Victory

THE U.S. Court of Appeals has ordered the District to halt construction on four sections of the city's freeway system -- including a portion running through Capitol East. Affected is the section of the East Leg from Barney Circle north. The SE Freeway, between 6th St. SE and Barney Circle, was not covered by the order, but it is possible that the city might voluntarily end construction on it as well until a final determination on the fate of the freeways can be made.

The injunction against the four projects came in response to a suit by District residents and groups that challenged the legality of the city's procedures

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Reducing Fragmentation

Groups Seek A Louder Voice

TWO groups have begun efforts to improve communications between Capitol East organizations and to provide these organizations with a louder voice with which to speak to government agencies.

The leaders of more than ten of the largest civic organizations and agencies in the community have created the Capitol East Leadership Council, which will hold its organizing meeting on March 5 at Keller Church, 9th & Md. NE, at 8 p. m. The Council will be open to the president, chairman, director or minister in charge of any Capitol East organization, agency, political pre-

cinct, block or social club, or church.

The area covered runs from New York Ave. on the north to the Anacostia River on the east and south, and N. and S. Capitol Sts. on the west.

Meanwhile, in Near NE, a group of ministers -- led by the Rev. Ernest Gibson of the Urban Institute of the Council of Churches -- has formed a broad-based community organization of more than 70 pastors and other local leaders.

A common goal of both groups is to reduce the fragmentation of organizations in Capitol East and to increase the

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Letters To The Editor

(THE GAZETTE WELCOMES LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. THEY SHOULD ARRIVE AT OUR OFFICE NO LATER THAN THE 20TH OF THE MONTH: 413 6TH ST. NE.)



SO LITTLE SOUL SEARCHING

Why so much talking out loud, but so little soul searching, on the tribulations of the Emergency Recreation Council? These two long editorials on the carbarns which so conspicuously fail to mention the famous carbarn hearings, are good points of departure.

In January you had a scoop on the hearings. Editor and editor's wife (we tell it like it is) were busily rounding up support for testimony you agreed with. But instead of announcing the hearings so that other people would have a crack at disagreeing with you, you pompously announce that priorities were shifted "without the slightest effort to sound out the many organizations that have an intense interest in recreation matters here. . . ."

In February you left the facts and the slanting thereof to Greg Lawrence, while you resumed your olympian denials: "The Recreation Board and the District has never held any public inquiry into the relative advantage of citywide and neighborhood recreation centers." Now you were there, and heard, as did three members of the Recreation Board, with Stanley Anderson presiding, how every second witness addressed himself, pro or con, on this very point! I watched with some amusement as you jumped up to interview those who agreed with you. The more obvious the feedback from your own editorial, the harder you scribbled your notes.

These are two case studies in how to eliminate a reputation for veracity without actually lying.

Going back to what should have been your backgrounder on "the Big Bypass" of the ERC -- your long apologetics for the fiasco which was supposed to be an open-air performance of the militant musical "Fly Blackbird" last May: The Recreation Department was caught in a crossfire of beligerant community groups, the Southeast Civic Association set saying "We the community aren't ready for this, and don't

want it," and the ERC set saying "By God & everything that's unprintable, we the community demand the right to do this, and anybody who opposes us is a segregationist or an Uncle Tom or some other type of phoney liberal." Our poor recreation bureaucrats naturally ran for cover, and naturally blamed the whole mess on ERC who started it, and naturally concluded the ERC was tempermentally incapable of representing the community, and naturally started looking for alternative channels of communications, and naturally pounced on the opportunity to communicate through the coalition which was later formalized (by Recreation Board action, a fact you have yet to acknowledge) as the Capitol East Recreation Advisory Committee. It all happened just as naturally as any natural politician outside the Capitol Hill Democratic Club could have told us it would, had any ERC politician been interested in candid advice from outside his own ingrown in group.

Instead of so many yards on "How right we really were," let's have a few inches on "Maybe we did something wrong." Then I can wipe that smirk off my face every time I read this bit about how "we tell it like it is."

Gregory New

(You've got a veritable cornucopia of misinformation there, Greg, but I'll try to clear up a few points:

(1) It remains the case that the Recreation Board has never held the sort of hearing that I spoke of. I think you confuse a public hearing of a public agency with the meeting of a lobbying group. There is a difference.

(2) The Recreation Board now formally admits that it mishandled the carbarn affair, which was the basic point I was trying to make. In fact, it voted to send a letter of apology to all Capitol Hill organizations.

(3) We were told just before our (Please turn to page 9)

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The McDowell Papers

By Charles McDowell Jr.



In keeping with the cheerless course of international events, the United States opened the Winter Olympics by losing a hockey game to Czechoslovakia, 5 - 1. When we heard the bulletin from the hockey rink at Grenoble, France, we wondered for a moment if various prominent Americans should be asked to comment on the game. Then we realized that their comments were entirely predictable and could be written without going to the trouble of interviewing them.

ROBERT S. McNAMARA: "We still face a long and difficult road, but it is now clear that our hockey team has turned the corner at Grenoble."

GEN. WESTMORELAND: "The enemy obviously failed to accomplish his objective, which was to annihilate our hockey team. According to our body-check count, our forces body-checked the enemy 143 times while the enemy was body-checking our forces only 17 times. It should be obvious that the enemy cannot continue very long to absorb that kind of punishment."

SECRETARY RUSK: "The other side has given no signal that it actually wants a peaceful solution short of a Communist takeover of the whole ice rink. Until we see some signal that the other side is willing to stop its aggression, we have no choice in the Winter Olympics but to support our hockey team with the overwhelming power of our figure skaters."

CHAIRMAN RIVERS of the House Armed Services Committee: "I say bomb Prague."

SEN. THURMOND: "We ought to face the fact that the Russians are the real power in the international Communist hockey conspiracy and we ought to quit wasting time talking about half-measures like bombing Prague."

SEN. FULBRIGHT: "The arrogance of this administration is leading us into another disastrous foreign adventure. When the Senate approved the Tonkin Gulf resolution surely nobody thought it covered resisting Communists in the Alps."

JOSEPH ALSOP: "Although much neo-isolationist wailing has followed the superficial defeat of the American hockey team in an opening minor engagement, the fact is that the Americans may well be on the brink of a sweeping victory in the remainder of the hockey tournament at Grenoble, upon which the future of civilization may well depend. In short, captured enemy documents indicate that one Czech hockey team has absorbed such punishment that it is conscripting 14-year-old defensemen and a girl goalie."

RICHARD NIXON: "No patriotic American would criticize the President and divide our people in this hockey crisis. But I will say that when a fourth-rate power is allowed to humiliate America, the time has come for a change of leadership. I, for one, am tired of losing."

GEORGE ROMNEY: "I want to be plain about this -- I am for an absolutely moral approach to the problem, whatever it is. As for specifics, I personally plan to go ice-skating tomorrow morning."



ROBERT KENNEDY: "I have made my position clear repeatedly and I don't see any point in going over it again just because nobody understands it."

WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN: "Not for direct attribution, gentlemen, the President is concerned about speculation that he plans to escalate the hockey action at the Olympics. The President feels that this is irresponsible in that it is not helpful to the morale of the fine amateur athletes who are representing their country

so gallantly on the hockey rink at Grenoble. The President wishes to announce, by the way, that he is air-lifting the New York Rangers to an advance base in West Germany and is placing the Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Black Hawks on 12-hour alert."

(Richmond Times-Dispatch)

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Community Catharsis?

Capitol East Steps Up To School Board Beef Box

IT was like the Joe Pyne Show without Joe Pyne. One by one the citizens stepped to the beef box at Hine Jr. High School on Feb. 7 to register their complaints, requests, and demands with an impulsive school board. The meeting was one of a series of neighborhood sessions being held by the board.

The gripes and proposals ranged far. The Modern Strivers from Eastern High were there, urging improved education and more student freedom at the school. A group from Deanwood was upset about plans to take a Baptist church's parking lot for a new school. Several groups called for a halt in school construction until citizen participation and facilities for new teaching techniques could be incorporated into the planning. ("Almost traitorous," snorted board member Benjamin Alexander at one such proposal.) Ellen Berg of Circle-on-the-Hill made a plug for a Capitol East community school board and politely reminded the board that a letter from Capitol East civic leaders on the matter was several weeks unanswered.

Several members of the Black Student Union hit "Negro History Week" ("The history taught at our schools is racist," said one) and complained that the school board "had gotten a honkie to run our school system." (One nearby spectator claims she heard school super-

intendent William Manning ask a board member "What's a honkie?")

Mrs. Lucille Pugh, of the Friendship House tutoring program, said it was "impossible to get any consistent information" on what the school board intended to do with the \$10 million allocated by the federal government for community schools here.

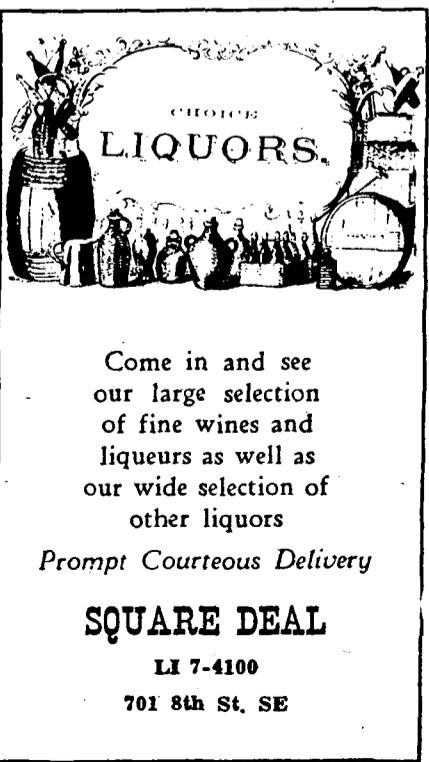
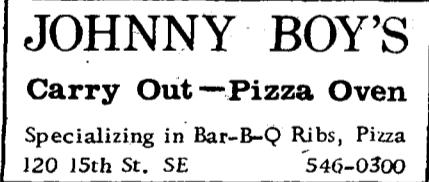
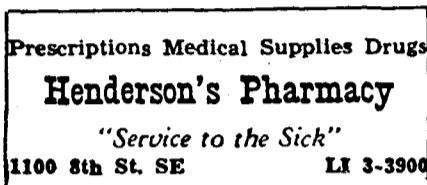
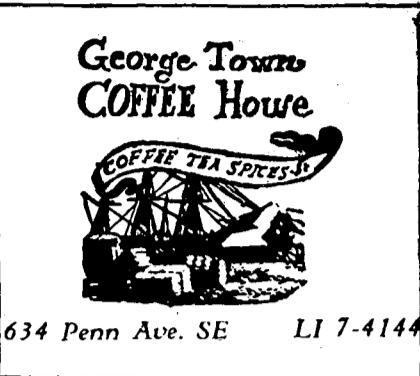
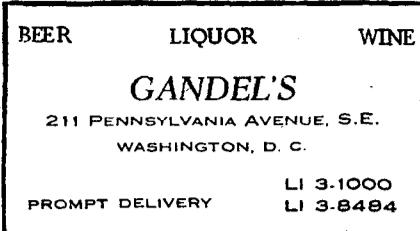
A representative from the Western High student council told the board that the school governing body supported the "primary objectives" of the Eastern student "bill of rights," proposed by the Modern Strivers.

Lanita Proctor of the Edmunds-Peabody School Action Group, criticized the dangerous surface of the playgrounds at her schools, noting that several children had been injured falling from play equipment. She also urged that attention be paid to making sure the new Peabody School would be integrated.

And from the Hayes-Ludlow School came a spokesman who pointed to the hazards resulting from the lack of a fence around the construction site of the new school being built in the 600 block of G NE. "Another example of bureaucratic neglect," said James M. Brown.

The Modern Strivers, in their testimony, argued that a committee of students under professional counselling should be permitted to recruit and hire

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Touring With Marcia Feldman -II

Sites And Sights You May Have Missed...

(Last month, Marcia Feldman described some of the interesting sights and sites in and around Capitol East. This month, her local travels continue):

THE Capitol East neighborhood is rich in the sort of attractions that are the stuff of guidebooks. Most are free or nearly so, and all are close at hand. There is, moreover, just about a month left of relatively unhindered sightseeing before the cherry trees bloom and tourists return.

The Washington NAVY YARD (8th & M SE) is very nearly as old as the District of Columbia itself. It was planned by George Washington and built by his successor, John Adams. The first ship was launched here in 1806 and the last in 1879, although the Yard continued to manufacture naval guns and rockets until 1961.

The three-block-long former armament factory is now the U. S. Naval Museum, a vast chronological exhibit that begins with the Revolutionary War and continues right up to the present. It may be visited without charge every day, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Among the relics displayed here are the cornet that sounded taps at Admiral Dewey's funeral, the plaque that marked the spot of the Japanese surrender on the deck of the USS Missouri, and the last weapons used against the United States in World War II. (The carbines were not surrendered until

President Kennedy's private collection of 24 model ships highlights the special exhibits in the center of the museum. An eight-foot sailfish caught by the President in 1953 has found a home here as well. A model of the first known armored ship of war stands near a diorama portraying the historic Civil War battle between the first such ships of modern times, the Union's Monitor

and the Confederacy's Merrimac. The ancestor of all submarines was built in Korea in the 16th century and was named the Tortoise, not surprisingly because she has an armored cover. This section also houses the hut Admiral Richard E. Byrd occupied while spending a solitary winter at the South Pole in 1934.

Willard Park, adjacent to the museum, is the site of other maritime relics: a submarine superstructure, a full-rigged model of the USS Constellation as well as torpedoes, guns and early ordnance built at the Navy Yard.

It is possible to visit a submarine, the USS Drum, which is tied up at the pier. One must call or write at least two days in advance; the 30-minute tours are given by appointment only Monday through Saturday. The submarine sank an impressive number of Japanese ships during World War II but today she is strictly for show. For reservations call OX 3-2559 or write: Officer-in-Charge, USS Drum, Navy Yard, Washington, DC 20003.

THAT OVERSIZED GREENHOUSE at the foot of the Capitol grounds is just what it seems to be. It houses the BOTANIC GARDENS, a kind of floral zoo, where in the course of one afternoon it is possible to sample a variety of climates -- from tropical to desert -- and get to know the flora appropriate to each. Stone garden benches provide resting spots for the foot weary, and all

the flowers are labeled with their names and countries of origin.

The Botanic Gardens were built in 1902 to house the spoils of 19th century botanical expeditions, but it has expanded its scope considerably since then. Its orchid collection of more than 500 types is famous, as are its seasonal displays of flowers: poinsettias in December and January and, currently,

azaleas, which will bloom in its protected environment through March and April.

The Gardens are also known as a source of potted palms for Congressional functions, official and otherwise.

You may wander freely from the humid tropics to the arid desert any day of the week. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday.

CONTINUING FURTHER PAST the Capitol grounds, you come to the HEW building, which also houses the VOICE OF AMERICA studios (330 Independence Ave. SW). One of the largest broadcasting operations in the country, if not the world, the VOA each week beams 800 hours of information about America (news, music and features) to more than 20 million people.

You may take an hour-long tour through the studio's corridors. There is a guide, but much of the tour is self-service anyway. You press one button to activate a movie projector that shows excerpts from films distributed abroad by the United States Information Agency, the VOA's parent organization, and another to light up principal VOA posts on a huge world map. By pressing a button outside a glass-walled broadcasting studio you can hear the program then being sent out in one of the 37 languages used by the Voice. The VOA news ticker in

the lobby receives material from the main news room to country desks for translation. Letters from VOA listeners are also displayed. Nearby is a box of envelopes in which they came. Whether or not you collect stamps, you may want to take one home as a souvenir.

The operation is open to visitors Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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VOTER REGISTRATION DATA

THE CHART AND list below show the locations of the ten registration and voting precincts in Capitol East. Voter registration will continue until March 23. You may register at the District Building, 14th & E NW, between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Or you may go to the registration precinct for your neighborhood on the weekends of March 8 and 9 and March 22 and 23.

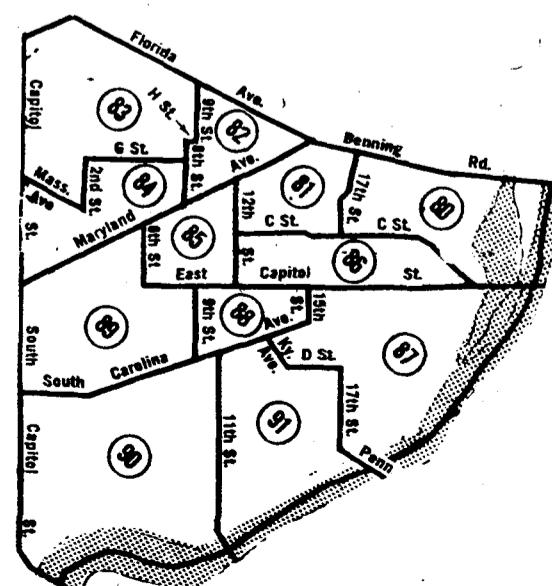
Registration hours are 5-9 on Fridays and 9 am - 9 pm on Saturdays.

In order to register you need only swear that you have been a resident of the District for one year (by time of election), that you will be 21 years old by the date of election, that you are not voting elsewhere and that you have not been convicted of a felony.

The Gazette urges all Capitol East residents to take the few moments necessary to register so they may vote in the May 7 primary.

PRECINCTS

90	Gibbs School 18th & E Sts., NE
81	Kingsman School 14th & E Sts., NE
82	Goding School 10th & F Sts., NE
83	J. O. Wilson School 6th & K Sts., NE
84	Stuart Jr. High School 4th & E Sts., NE
85	Lovejoy School 12th & D Sts., NE
86	Eliot Jr. High School 18th St. & Constitution Ave., NE
87	Payne School 15th & C Sts., SE
88	Bryan School Independence Ave. bet. 13th & 14th Sts., SE
89	Hine Jr. High School 7th & C Sts., SE
90	Tyler School 10th & G Sts., SE



East of the Dome

THAT'S MRS. Howard Covell, a SE resident, at right. She's a team captain for the WETA-TV Auction, a 5-day event to raise money for the local educational station. ■ NONE OF THE new appointments to the Human Relations Council came from Capitol East. Sound familiar? ■ WHILE WASHINGTON FALLS behind, other cities and towns are developing bike paths

for recreation and as an alternative to increasing auto congestion. New York is planning to designate 50 miles of streets as a bikeway. Menlo Park, Calif., has opened a 15-mile bike route connecting its schools, parks, and civic buildings. And Houston, Tex., wants to build a 41-mile commuters bikeway, is requesting \$120,000 from the federal government to pay half the cost.

AMONG THOSE URGING people to register last month was Frank Valentine of the Senators. Valentine toured Near NE in a sound-equipped car on behalf of the Democrats. ■ ALTHOUGH LOLA SINGLETARY has been accused of conflict-of-interest because she works for the poverty program, has been in active in the Concerned Citizens for Peace, and has just become chairman of the Area 15 Neighborhood Planning Council, such charges were never made against the former chairman who was on the board of the poverty program and active in the Democratic Party. ■ PLANS FOR RELANDSCAPING Lincoln Park, scheduled to begin in June of this year, call for recreational facilities for several age groups worked into a formal design. The plans, which have been approved by the National Capital Planning Commission and the Fine Arts Commission, were presented to a group of interested citizens last month. They call for a central grass mall sunken two feet, two tot lots, a basketball area, benches and concrete tables, and retention of all large trees now standing. Present plans do not call for the installation of restrooms in the park, although several attending the meeting stressed their importance.

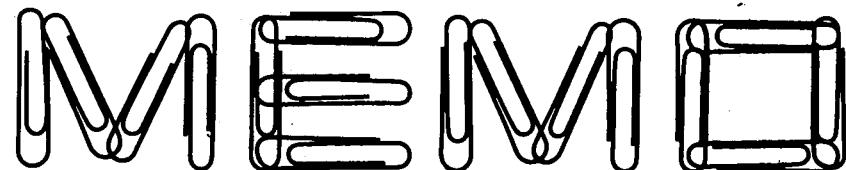
ONE MAN WAS burned and another seriously injured in a fire last month in the 200 block of E. Capitol St. ■ THE CAPITOL HILL Metropolitan Baptist Church celebrated its 90th anniversary last month. The church, now located at 6th & A NE, began in the home of Mrs. Celestia A. Ferris in the 200 block of A NE in 1867. It was formally organized in 1878 with 31 members. It now has over 1600 parishioners. ■ THE WILLIAM PENN House, 515 E. Capitol St., will be the location of weekly Friends (Quaker) services, each Sunday at 11 a. m.

THE WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE opening night of Felix Greene's "Inside North Vietnam" will take place at the Capitol Hill Theater, 645 Penna. SE, on Wednesday night, March 6, at 8 p. m. Felix Greene, a British journalist who lives in San Francisco, will appear in person at the showing. Tickets may be obtained in advance from the William Penn House, 515 E. Capitol St. (\$2.50 each.)



Community Announcements

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Block & Social Club Chairmen.*

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1. To share our group differences so we can increase our knowledge of one another's group positions, plans and needs;
2. To increase opportunities to share our group concerns so that we can better support one another's group efforts;
3. To obtain full representation for our community in District of Columbia civic and governmental affairs;
4. To unite in common action in those areas where we have agreement;
5. And to explore the possibility of establishing a congress of organizations in Capitol East.

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Wednesday, March 6 - Keller Lutheran Church
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Wednesday, March 13 - Israel Baptist Church
632 11th Street, N.E.

Wednesday, March 20 - Douglas Methodist Church
11th and H Street, N.E.

Wednesday, March 27 - Holy Name Catholic Church
11th and K Street, N.E.

Wednesday, April 3 - Calvary Episcopal Church
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New Legal Aid Offices Open

By Greg Lawrence

THREE new offices offering legal aid to the indigent have opened recently in Capitol East. They are Community Assistance Lawyers, operating out of the Southeast Catholic Center, 723 1/2 8th SE; and the two offices of the Catholic University Law School Legal Aid Society / Catholic University Law School area alumni project at 123 H NE and 1242 C SE.

This brings to a total of six the number of such offices in Capitol East. The other three are the Neighborhood Legal Service offices at 1343 H NE and 224 7th SE and Community Laundries, 1125 Penna. SE.

Representatives of five of the offices recently met at Friendship House to discuss mutual problems and opportunities for cooperation. The consensus was that progress is being made and that many chronic needs are being met, but that the demand for such services is probably limitless, and much of the community has yet to be reached.

According to several participants at the meeting, neither the residents nor the social workers who work with the residents are aware that many local problems have a legal solution and word of available services has not been adequately circulated in the community.

"Both of these problems are common," said Jack Murphy, a Georgetown law professor who is a consultant to OEO and who runs the civil (non-criminal) side of the Georgetown legal intern program. The pressure of their work and a lack of awareness keeps social workers in the field from recognizing legal problems and sending clients to lawyers. In addition, he said, some poverty lawyers hesitate to advertise their existence for fear of conflicting with American Bar Association canons against advertising. But these canons are designed to prevent litigation and fee competition among lawyers, a situation that does not exist in poverty law. In practice, Murphy said, a poverty law office -- including the OEO's Neighborhood Legal Service -- can use radio spots, hand out leaflets, and put signs in bars and restaurants to announce its existence. Other

than a Friendship House leaflet, this is not done in the area.

The CAL project is headed by T. R. Murphy and includes the participation of a group of Michigan Law School alumni. CAL mainly works through community groups as it attempts to reach SE area legal problems. Its 12 attorneys act as counsel to various SE organization. In addition, they are available at the center on Wednesday nights to assist individuals who come by.

The other offices cater primarily to individual clients. Between them, attorneys are available virtually the entire week, day and night. A 60-hour week is not uncommon for NLS lawyers. One attorney at Community Laundries spent 200 hours on one case. Community Laundries has 20 Georgetown Law School interns, 15 attorneys and a full-time Vista worker who is an attorney. The Catholic University projects, still in the formative stage, are being organized with the assistance of the NLS.

Eligibility for use of the services ranging from "show a need" at CAL to the NLS's \$55 maximum take-home pay, with \$15 a week extra allowed for each dependent. Before any of the offices can take a case it must be non-fee generating or, if fee generating, impractical to send to a fee-charging attorney.

Among the cases handled by the offices are these: housing (rent, eviction, poor conditions), welfare (food stamps, mothers' aid, job training), consumer (home frauds, appliances, automobile), juvenile problems, criminal (except NLS), divorce, school (expulsion, adult education), co-op buying clubs, and housing code enforcement.

Particular warnings were issued by some of the attorneys to residents about dealing with credit consolidation companies, door to door salesmen, home improvement salesmen, and contracts unintelligible or with blanks left unfilled. Martin Mendelsohn of NLS suggested that before one signs a contract, he should bring a copy of it to one of the legal offices for checking, if unable to afford an attorney fees.

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house for less than \$20. Another was taken for a high price on an encyclopedia -- by a school teacher. \$6000 Fords and \$300 black and white TV's are common. Credit consolidation have continuously compounded debts. And one magazine salesman was signing contracts for blind clients.

Further information on the legal services can be obtained by calling one of the following telephone numbers: NLS, 544-4860 (SE) and 399-6431 (NE); Community Laundries, 544-2394; Community Assistance Lawyers, 544-0523; Catholic University project, 547-1580 and 547-4920.

TOUR Cont'd

Tours leave every hour except noon. There is no charge.

THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION on the Mall is close enough to be included conveniently in a neighborhood tour. The Smithsonian has been called the attic of the nation, and with good reason. Somewhere among its extraordinary collection is something to interest everyone. Some of its displays are well known, but others, equally interesting, are not as well publicized. One such is the weekly showing of films about science, art, explorations and other subjects of general interest. The films last about an hour and are presented without charge two or three times a week. Best of all, they appeal, as the circus ringleader always says, to children of all ages. Daytime showings are in the Museum of History and Technology (12th & Constitution NW) and evening showings, with brief introductory remarks, are in the Museum of Natural History (10th & Constitution NW). Call 381-5166 for information. The March schedule follows:

■ Wed., March 6 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Thurs., March 7 at noon: Films about artists Paul Jenkins, Jackson Pollock and Paul Hultberg.

■ Wed., March 13 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Thurs., March 14 at noon: "Kites Around the World: From Benjamin Franklin to a Japanese Festival."

■ Wed., March 20 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Thurs., March 21 at noon: "The Forgotten Village," a film based on John Steinbeck's story of the life of Juan Diego and his people in the small village of Santiago in the mountains of Mexico.

■ Wed., March 27 at 2 and 8 p.m. and Thurs., March 28 at noon. Film about three architectural achievements -- Corbusier's designs for Harvard, the Lincoln Center, and the St. Louis Gateway Arch, the tallest national monument in the U.S.

Arts Center Discussed

A GROUP HAS been meeting at Keller Lutheran Church to discuss creation of a community arts center. The sessions are held Sundays, 7:30 p.m. at the church, 9th & Md. NE. (544-5775).

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Wiley Branton to inform him of the NAC's unanimous vote last December in favor of continued funding for Community Action Inc. Branton replied that he was not clear as to where NAC believed the money would come from. "Are you agreeable to funding out of funds normally coming to Friendship House?" Branton asked.

Both Miss Hardin and Adams said they believed UPO was trying to put them in a corner to fight it out and that UPO should not be allowed to do this.

"The wisest approach," Miss Hardin said, "is for representatives from Friendship House and the NAC to go to UPO and try to explore every possible avenue for getting money outside of the Friendship House budget."

The NAC voted to form a committee to work with UPO in finding a way to assure complete funding for both agencies.

The NAC also voted unanimously to urge Commissioner Washington to apply to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for federal funds to help homeowners meet possible repair costs generated by the proposed intensive code enforcement program in Near SE. The federal program would provide grants up to \$1500 to low income homeowners to help make required repairs. Landlords and homeowners not in the low income category would be eligible for 3% government loans.

Carroll Swanson, head of the housing division of the District's Dept. of Licenses & Inspections, told a SE citizens committee that a representative from HUD had looked over the area

and believes it is eligible for the grant program.

In his director's report, Adams said that it was his sincere opinion that UPO had dropped the ball" on the teen program in the city.

The Teen Mobilization Center, 1326 Penna. SE, is scheduled to close down on March 15 when lapsed funds, with which it is now operating, come to an end. Other teen centers around the city are in a similar situation.

Adams said that the two staff members of UPO who had been seeking renewed funding for the city-wide program had left the agency and that there does not seem to be any effort being currently made to interest foundations in the program.

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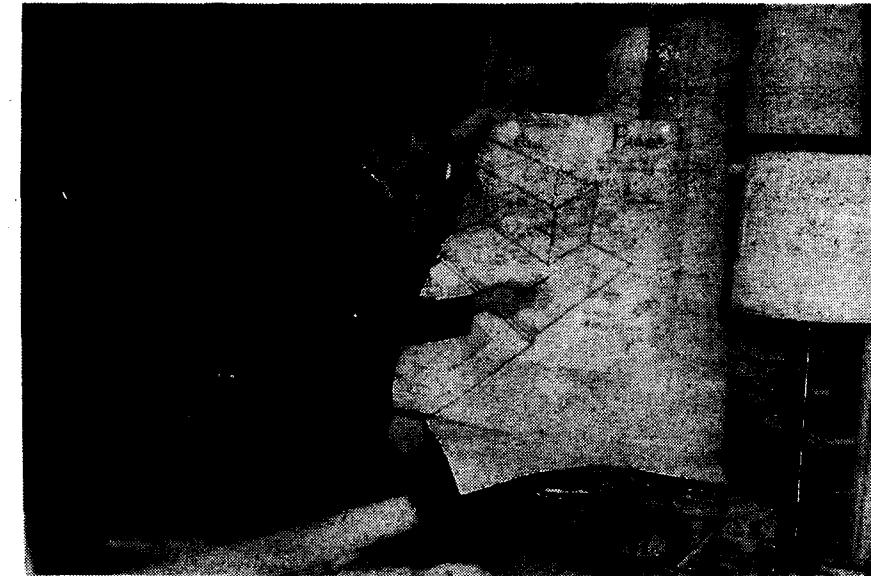
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BY MARIAN FRIEDMAN

Eastern High SCHOOL News

ON MARCH 8, the class of 1970 will hold an assembly for the candidates for class office. The assembly will be conducted by the candidates' managers. . . . LAST MONTH EASTERN administered the American College Test, the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and the National Educational Development Test. . . . On Feb. 20, the Cadet Corps held an inspiring assembly at which officers for the coming year were commissioned. . . . THE ANNUAL OFFICER'S Ball will be held on March 29. . . . EVERETTE FREEMAN, WHO happens to be one of Eastern's two cadet Lt. Colonels, won third place in the American Legion Oratorical Contest on Feb. 15. . . . ON FEB. 20, the Key Club held its annual ball. This organization is sponsored by Capitol Hill businessmen and Eastern High School is grateful for their assistance. . . . FACULTY AND STUDENTS are working hard to prepare for the annual "Student-Faculty" basketball games for men and women. This is the annual laugh riot. Students usually win, but the faculty is getting younger, and may give them a good run this year. . . . EASTERN HAD SOME excellent decorations and programs during Negro History week. Curtis Gilmore was the winner in the poster contest. . . . SOPHOMORES ON THE honor roll include Saundra Billups, Henderson Brown, Mary Brown, Nina Brown, Joseph Diggs, Sarah Gladney, Carolyn Jackson, Jeannie Lee, Delmas Maxwell, Gail Moore, Rosemary Peay, Sheila Turner, Elise Weaver, and Paulette Williams.



BRYAN CASSIDY, local architect, checks his plans for the new Capitol Hill Town Club. Settlement date has been set for March 31 on the club house and property for the club, which plans to have a swimming pool and other facilities. President of the club is Dr. John Marshall. Other officers are Louis Claiborne, Silvia Cotter, and Betty Colton. The club is integrated and has a goal of 400 members.

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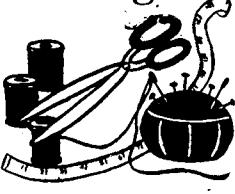
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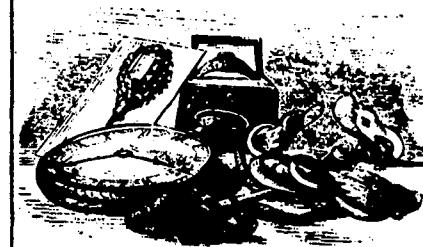
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Recreation Board**Says It's Sorry**

THE DC Recreation Board has voted to send a letter of apology to all Capitol Hill groups for the manner in which it handled the shift in priorities in its budget last December. At that time the board permitted Recreation Superintendent Joseph Cole to move the E. Capitol St. garage from last to first priority in the fiscal 1969 budget. This action was taken without a public hearing, although a meeting on the subject was held after the fact by the Capitol Hill Recreation Advisory Committee with the encouragement of the board.

Maxine Boyd made the motion for the apology at the board's February meeting. "We handled the situation very badly," she said. "We owe the community an apology because we did not go back to them before changing priorities. We made a very serious mistake."

Mrs. Boyd also moved that the board establish a policy of consulting with neighborhoods prior to shifts in budget priorities. The motion passed with only one objection. William Waters abstained from voting because, he said, "I do not believe we are particularly bound to go the last mile in the consultative process."

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Group Publishes Hill 'Prospectus'

"CAPITOL Hill Prospectus," a 48-page critique of the Capitol Hill community sponsored by the Capitol Hill Restoration Society, was published last month. The booklet, critical in many places of the Halprin Plan for Capitol East and of local policies backed by liberal groups, is being distributed to government officials and is on sale locally at \$2 a copy.

The "Prospectus," according to editor Edward Gruis, was designed to "present information which will provide citizens of Capitol Hill with a better picture of their community and which will give planners, government officials and non-'Hill' people a closer, sharper insight into our community's structure, resources and needs."

Among its many observations are these:

Local Organizations: "There is also the decided tendency of our respective groups to go it alone."

Housing: "The effect of restoration has been to induce or force low-income people to move out of neighborhoods being restored. . . The restoration trend in our community will follow the paths of least resistance into adjoining neighborhoods containing interesting and potentially attractive properties. . . Most restoration efforts for the next several years will probably be continued within present areas now undergoing restoration treatment. There will be those few, however, usually the young families or individuals, who will, mainly for economic reasons, buy and restore in 'fringe' areas of the movement and 'sit it out' until joined by others."



Education: "All the shouts of indignation on the floors of Congress about crime, poverty and class distinction in the front yard of Congress must be weighed against the reluctance of these same legislators to appropriate ample funds to correct our community's school conditions."

Recreation: "The dearth of recreational activities and facilities for children of all ages on Capitol Hill could be measurably overcome by better and more extensive use of existing parks and school yards."

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January deadline that there would be a board hearing at Eastern High. We checked this out and found it was not true. If the carban-pushers who called us had been a little more precise with his facts, we would have run the story. As it was, the item given us was inaccurate and we didn't have time to find out what was going on.

(4) Greg Lawrence, not I, covered the January meeting. Nor did I interview anyone there other than having a few unproductive words with Joe Cole. I did make some notes but from where you were sitting, I doubt that you could have known when or about what. Would you believe a sketch of O. Roy Chalk doing a jackknife into the Near SE pool?

(5) While this newspaper admittedly practices a brand of committed journalism, the Gazette told people more of the facts surrounding the carban affair than either of the other two community papers. In fact, one with which you are undoubtedly familiar didn't even hint there was any controversy in its lead stories on the matter.
--ED.)

READING LEVEL DEFENDED

The psychologists of the Group Measurement Division of Pupil Personnel Services were astounded by the statistics on reading achievement at Eastern High School as reported by the Washington Post writer Susan Jacoby, and used as a background for an editorial on Monday, January 15, 1968. Unless Mrs. Jacoby has been given reports or studies conducted at Eastern that are unknown to us, we are at a loss to

reconcile her figures with data derived last year from city-wide surveys.

The Washington Post twice published the statement that "three-quarters of the students (at Eastern High School) rate in the bottom 15% of all American students in reading scores." Mrs. Jacoby may have used School Mean statistics found in the Passow Report for 1966 - 1967 as the basis for the 15% figure, but the data for her statement is a mystery to those of us whose careers are educational statistics.

The "School Mean" percentile is based on percentile rankings of "School Means" for the 44 schools used in the test standardization. Eastern's 11th grade mean score ranks comparatively at that level below which 15% of the schools had equal or lower scores. However, statistics for the total group of students tested at Eastern in 1966 - 1967 show that only 28% of the pupils scored below the national 15th percentile, not 75% as reported by Mrs. Jacoby. The level below which 75% of Eastern student scores fell is represented by the percentile band of 44-62. The percentile band for the median score above and below which 50% of Eastern's scores ranged is 25 - 40.

We wish to bring to your attention that with an eleventh grade population of nearly 700 students, it is usual to find a fairly wide distribution of scores. Further, eleventh grade students in the District as a whole obtained a median only slightly (one two-step score interval) below the national median.

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The Idler

LERONE Bennett, in last month's *Ebony*, has made a frontal assault on one of America's most cherished legends. In an article called "Was Abe Lincoln a White Supremacist?" Bennett says: "The Mythology of the Great Emancipator has become a part of the mental landscape of America. No other American story is so enduring. No other American story is so comforting. No other American story is so false." In truth, says *Ebony*'s senior editor, Lincoln's racial attitudes

were not what we have been taught. Bennett's argument is forceful and convincing. He cites Lincoln's debates with Douglas in which the Civil War president stated: "I will say, then, that I am not, nor ever have been, in favor of bringing about in any way the social and

political equality of the white and black races." And while Bennett admits that Lincoln progressed from this point, he points to his doubts about his own Emancipation Proclamation and his interest in black emigration as the solution to the race problem as evidence that this man, whose allegedly keen sense of racial justice is drummed into every American school child, never made a substantial break with the racist society in which he lived.

Bennett quotes Frederick Douglass, the abolitionist editor and former slave (who had a town house on A St. NE) as he spoke in 1876 at the unveiling of a Lincoln statue:

"Truth is proper and beautiful as all times and in all places, and it is never more proper and beautiful in any case than when speaking of a great public man whose example is likely to be commended for honor and imitation long after his departure to the solemn shades, the silent continent of eternity. It must be admitted, truth compels me to admit, even here in the presence of the monument we have erected to his memory, Abraham Lincoln was not, in the fullest sense of the word, either our man or our model. In his interests, in his associations, in his habits of thought, and in his prejudices, he was a white man. He was pre-eminently the white man's President, entirely devoted to the welfare of the white man. . . ."

Bennett's article has caused a minor flurry of comment in the press. Notably, the New York Times Magazine felt compelled to deliver a rather stuffy defense of Lincoln the day before his birthday. Said author Seymour Mitgang, "Lincoln was white -- but hardly what could be called then or now, by reasonable persons, a white supremacist. In his time, the overriding historic issue was freedom, not racism; liberation of the slaves, not amalgamation of the races; the rights of citizenship that would follow freedom, not what all people of goodwill insist is essential at this Lincoln's Birthday -- full economic opportunity to insure equality in every respect, full civil rights in the law and of the heart."

Mitgang does not challenge Bennett's facts so much as he challenges the weight



THAT'S BETTE WARREN, a new resident of Near NE, and she'll be singing the role of Adele in an English translation of "Die Fledermaus" to be offered by the Washington Civic Opera next month. Performances are at Roosevelt High School, 13th & Allison NW, on March 1 at 8:30 p.m. and March 3 at 3 p.m. Tickets may be obtained by writing to the Washington Civic Opera Association, c/o DC Recreation Dept., 3149 16th NW, (20010). Reserved seats are available in return for a tax deductible donation. Unreserved seats are free. Bette Warren's husband, Michael Marks Cohen, is an admiralty attorney with the Justice Dept.

Was Abe Just**Another Honkie?**

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put upon them. He seeks rationalizations for the myth rather than attempting to bring rationality to the myth. In Mitgang's view, Lincoln's weaknesses -- by today's standards -- are mitigated by the time and the world in which he lived.

But what Mitgang ignores is that Lincoln is no ordinary historical figure. He is the hero of perhaps the greatest of American legends. From Democratic president to Republican ward-heeler, from student to professor, from pre-school to Medicare, we evoke his name as we attempt to symbolize what America is or should be. His smokey eloquence -- so incongruous beside the lingua franca of the public men who cite him -- still probes deep inside the national soul. It is not mere happenstance that a brooding likeness of the man at the end of Washington's Mall has drawn in recent months the greatest of peace demonstrations to protest a war and the most powerful of presidents to defend it.

But a man who has caused a legend of such power becomes lost in the myth. It's a particularly sad fate for Lincoln, for he was not much of a myth-lover. His wit and perception repeatedly popped romantic balloons. But we hold to the legend because it warms us. We do not wish to admit to our children or ourselves how inadequate even our finest hours have been.

Yet what will be the hurt, if we let a bit of truth seep into the Lincoln legend? Should we and our children not be as aware that Lincoln thought saving the Union more important than freeing the slaves as we are that he wrote a beautiful speech on the back of an envelope? Or that when he did emancipate the slaves, he retained serious doubts as to the wisdom of his course? Or that, in part as a result of the legend that sprung from this man, black Americans fell into an emancipation mentality for nearly one hundred years which caused them to wait patiently and futilely for the white man to free them further?

The myth of Lincoln has served the white American well, but it has not helped the black. Our history inevitably has had a white bias and it is encouraging to find a few historians, such as Bennett, demanding a fairer shake for the black American in our re-creation of the past. To force men to live with false myths is as discriminatory as making them eat some place else.

This does not mean that we should write Lincoln off as just another honkie. But we do need the sort of perspective that Bennett suggests:

"Lincoln must be seen as the embodiment, not the transcendence, of the American tradition, which is, as we all know, a racist tradition. In his inability to rise above that tradition, Lincoln, often called the 'noblest of all Americans,' holds up a flawed mirror to the American soul. And one honors him today, not by gazing fixedly at a flawed image, not by hiding warts and excrescences, but by seeing oneself in the reflected ambivalences of a life which calls us to transcendence, not imitation."

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Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church

A SERIES OF lectures on the greatest living religions of the world will be offered at the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church under the sponsorship of the Adult Social Program. These lectures will be delivered by Basil P. Das every Tuesday beginning March 5 through April 30 at 7 to 8 p.m. with refreshments following. The cost is \$1 per lecture for those who are able to pay. Those interested should contact the church at LI 7-8676.

Emergency Recreation Council

THE DEVELOPMENT OF the Anacostia river bank for recreation will be a major item in the Emergency Recreation Council's program for the year, according to ERC chairman Robert Berg. Anacostia Park was one of four areas of major concern outlined at the group's Feb. 14 membership meeting. The others were:

To explore community action in programming, staffing and equipping of recreation programs at Capitol East parks and playgrounds.

To develop ideas for adult recreation in the area.

To explore community participation in the planning of the E. Capitol St. car barn site and to explore avenues of non-tax funding for the project.

Berg said the ERC has been active in bringing together organizations throughout the eastern part of the city in a coordinated effort to support the development of the Anacostia river bank plan. The Near NE Community Improvement Corp., the Far NE Council, the Far East Community Service, the Near East Council of Civic Associations, Southeast House, the Greater Anacostia People Corp., Southwest House and the SW Consumers Action Council have indicated an interest in a joint community effort to promote the plans of the National Park Service for the Anacostia area.

The ERC has held a briefing session conducted by a Park Service staff member for the cooperating groups.

Following a presentation in support of the Anacostia Park by Berg at the DC Recreation Board's February meeting, the board voted to make the development of this area a top priority item. The board appointed one of its members, Maxine Boyd, as coordinator. The board also plans to be briefed on the matter at its March 12 meeting.

9th Precinct Advisory Council

AT ITS FEBRUARY meeting, Lt. Robert L. Rabe reported progress on the essay contest for the 9th Precinct. A deadline of April 30th has been set for final submission of essays on police and community relations. A fifty dollar bond will be awarded as first prize for each school. Continued progress was also reported on the spot and recreation program for young people, ages 9 - 17. The program was initiated for the season with arrangements for more than 7000 youths to attend a ball game at DC Stadium last September and has continued with smaller groups attending football and hockey games since.

The council also unanimously rejected criticisms of the 9th Precinct made by Gazette editor Sam Smith during a panel discussion sponsored by the Crime Clearing House, and reported in the Washington Daily News.

Restoration Society

DC SANITATION CHIEF W. F. Roeder will be the guest speaker at the Society's March 11 meeting. (Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 4th & Independence SE, 8:15 pm) A spokesman for the Society's sanitation and beautification committee noted that "Mr. Roeder has once again requested funds to purchase some urgently needed trucks to meet the demands for better trash and garbage collection. With strong citizen support, we may be able to put the Mayor on the spot so that he will give this request top priority."

Other likely topics of discussion, according to the spokesman, will be the closing of the Kenilworth Dump, and the difficulty in obtaining appropriate assistance by phone from the various agencies which share responsibility for garbage, trash, cleanup and inspection.

Credit Unions

BOTH THE HOSPITALITY House and the Friendship House credit unions held annual meetings in recent weeks. Both were well attended. The Friendship House Credit Union reports a membership of 1109 and a share balance of \$30,053. The credit union experienced a delinquency rate of 5.4% last year. The Hospitality House Credit Union reports having 766 members and a share balance of \$39,080. The delinquency rate last year was 7.1%.

Community Improvement Corp.

A SPECIAL COMMITTEE, headed by United Planning Organization director Wiley Branton and including members of feuding factions within the Near NE anti-poverty program, has come up with a draft reorganization plan for the CIC, the anti-poverty agency in Near NE. Under the plan, the CIC board would have 29 members. Initially the CIC Delegate Assembly and the Near NE Citizens Advisory Council would each elect five members. Then these two bodies would be abolished. Another ten members would be elected from specific areas of Near NE. Six members would come from low income families in the community. And three would be appointed by the Commissioner. The plan would eliminate some of the duplicating power structures in the Near NE program which have been a source of constant contention. Membership in the Corporation would be open to any resident of the area, 18 years or older. The special committee has been working on the plan for a month, following Branton's direct intervention in the Near NE dispute.

NEW GROUPS Cont'd

ability of the community to deal effectively with government officials on local problems. Among those running the District government, Capitol East has developed a reputation as a highly contentious neighborhood. While some local leaders say this indicates a greater degree of democracy than downtown officials are used to, they are also fearful that disputes here are used to play one group off against another.

The Capitol East Leadership Council has stated that it will pursue the following goals:

- "Share our group differences so we can increase our knowledge of one another's group positions, plans and needs;

- "Increase opportunities to share our group concerns so that we can better support one another's group efforts;

- "Obtain full representation for our community in District of Columbia civic and governmental affairs;

- "Unite in common action in those areas where we have agreement.

- "Explore the possibility of establishing a congress of organizations in Capitol East."

Those involved in the establishment of the Council were: Doris Adams, director of Christ Child House; Robert Adams, director of Friendship House; Rev. Jesse Anderson, chairman of the Friendship House Neighborhood Advisory Council; John Anthony, president of the Public Interest Civic Association; Robert Berg, chairman of the Emergency Recreation Council; Dr. J. Max Bond, chairman of the Capitol Hill Recreation Advisory Committee; Norman Predesen, president of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society; Bruce Hyman, chairman of the Community Improvement Corp.; Frank Milner, chairman of the Near NE Citizens Advisory Council; Wilhelmina Payne, former chairman of the Area 15 Neighborhood Planning Council; Miro Pregelj, president of the Capitol Hill Community Council; Kathy Smith, president of Circle-on-the-Hill; Sam Smith, editor of the Capitol East Gazette; and Nadine Winters, director of Hospitality House.

Participation in the Council is on an individual basis and does not commit the group of any participant to a program or organizational structure.

The statement of purpose of the Near NE group includes the following points:

- "Allow the needs and aspirations of the people of the area to be identified.
- "Tell agencies who are planning for the area what the people need and want.

- "Find out what proposals are being made for the area.

- "Bring these proposals to the community.

- "Ask people's views on proposals.

- "Help residents draft alternate proposals if necessary."

FREEWAYS Cont'd

in constructing the roads. A key point upheld by the court in its ruling was that the District had failed to carry out public hearing requirements and other provisions of the existing District highway law.

At presstime it was not clear what action the city might take in view of court decision. Moves were afoot, however, to push legislation through Congress requiring that the freeway system be built. Civic groups that have fought the freeways were beginning lobbying efforts to prevent such legislation.



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(ONE OF THOSE appearing before the School Board at its Feb. 7 meeting at Hine Jr. High School was Gregory Taylor, leader of the Modern Strivers, a group of Eastern students protesting conditions at the school. Here's a portion of his statement):

I AM a student at Eastern High School. I'd like to read a caption from the Washington Post. This story appeared on January 13th and was about the Eastern student's protest. Eastern's principal, Madison W. Tignor, said in this article and I quote: "The students have no right to be disappointed in the school as a whole just because the reading scores are low. They don't take into account the odds we're working against. . . We have every kind of student at this school. Some come from fine professional homes, but we have many from other kinds of homes, you know."

I, myself, come from one of the other homes, my parents are not professional so what do you do with me? Am I inferior because I am not from a professional background? I, myself, believe that it is because you do not want me to be a professional person. Last year I wrote a letter of protest to a faculty member. The faculty member responded to my letter by saying, "You need to go back to the first grade because of the misspelled words. A first grader could have presented it better than you presented it to me." My feeling about what she said was if I'm down and I want to get up, she is going to make it as difficult as possible for me to get up.

I am a 19-year-old junior and too old to go back to elementary school, so what do you do? You give the so-called basic student, me, anything--just enough to get me out of the way.

I have been officially labelled basic since the first grade and I'm still considered an unofficial basic now. As an example of this, I have been trying to go to college. But this is the program they gave me at the beginning of the year: 1st period, gym; 2nd period, applied math; 3rd period, lunch; 4th period, English; 5th period, U. S. history; 6th period, cooking; and 7th period, woodshop. I have had courses like cooking and woodwork all my life. In place of these courses, I could have taken a foreign language and a meaningful science course to help prepare me for college.

But I know the answer now. I must depend on myself and not on the school system.

East of the Dome

WASHINGTON MEMBERS of the Sierra Club have invited area residents to an open house at the club's new offices, 235 Mass. Ave. NE, on March 2 from 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. Examples of the books and posters published by the Sierra Club will be on display, and officers of the club's Washington Group will be on hand to greet visitors. Best known for its advocacy of a Redwoods National Park and for its opposition to proposed Grand Canyon dams, the Sierra Club is a nationwide conservation group founded 75 years ago. Sierrans in the Washington area have also joined with other groups recently in opposition to the proposed Three Sisters Bridge.

THE RECTOR OF Christ Episcopal Church, 620 G SE, has resigned following considerable controversy within his parish over his ministry to hippies. The Rev. Donald W. Seaton had provided sleeping quarters for several hippies and used them in Sunday School classes, all of which apparently didn't go over too well with some of his parishioners. ■ MEANWHILE, ST. MARK'S Episcopal continues to make no apologies for its hipness. The church, at 3rd and A SE, is scheduling a series of films during Lent (Fridays, 8 p. m. See Capitol East Calendar, back page) as part of what is to be known as a "Flick-In." Says the director of the St. Mark's arts program, Buzz March: "The Flick-In is not designed for anybody's amusement. This is St. Mark's way of living into the Lenten tradition of self-discipline and meditation." The films will be followed by a discussion.

THE FINE ARTS Commission said nix last month to a proposed plan for the Near SE Pool. Commissioner Aline Saarinen said the design consisted of "four badly related boxes" and "missed a marvelous opportunity to create something beautiful that could serve as a focal point for the neighborhood." The architect, Eugene Delmar was told to try again.

CAPTAIN ROBERT SHUTTLEWORTH of the 9th Precinct, has been named acting inspector in charge of the Fifth District (9th, 12th and 14th Precincts). He is taking the place of Inspector Joseph Peppler, who is on sick leave.

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Capitol East Calendar

MARCH

Deadline for calendar listings: 20th of month. Send to the Gazette, 413 6th NE, Washington, 20002. Events marked with a circle are of special importance to the community.

- 2 SIERRA CLUB OFFICE OPENING.** Conservationist group opens new offices and holds open house from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. 235 Mass. NE.
- 4 PUBLIC INTEREST CIVIC ASSOC.** Meeting. Calvary Church, 6th & I NE (Every first Monday). 8 p.m.
- 5 CAPITOL EAST LEADERSHIP COUNCIL.** First formal meeting of council of organization heads in Capitol East. All club and group presidents, ministers of churches, directors of service agencies, PTA presidents, and political precinct chairmen are invited. Keller Church, 9th & Md. NE. 8 p.m.
- AREA 15 NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL.** Executive Committee meeting to receive proposals for summer programs and to review progress in census tract divisions. Douglas Memorial Church, 11th & H NE. 8 p.m.
- "GREATEST LIVING RELIGIONS"** First of lecture series by Basil P. Das. \$1 per lecture fee. Those interested should call LI 7-8676. Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 201 4th SE. 7 p.m.
- DISTRICT COUNCIL.** Meeting. District Bldg. 14th & E NW. 10 a.m.
- 6 SCHOOL BOARD COMMUNITY HEARING.** Alice Deale Jr. High. Ft. Drive and Nebraska NW. 7:30 p.m.
- 9TH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL.** Meeting. (Every first Weds.) 9th Precinct, 525 9th NE. 8 p.m.
- "INSIDE NORTH VIETNAM."** Film by Felix Greene. Washington-Baltimore opening night. Tickets at \$2.50 can be purchased in advance from members of CHOICE or at the William Penn House, 515 E. Capitol St. Capitol Hill Theater, 645 Penna. SE. 8 p.m.
- 7 NEAR NE CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL.** Meeting. 1328 Fla. Ave. NE. (Every first Thurs.) 8 p.m.
- 8 LOCAL REGISTRATION** for May 7 primary and November election. See page 4 for details. "MILDRED PIERCE," Film starring Joan Crawford and Jack Carson, is first in weekly series of Lenten movie series of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Discussion will follow. St. Mark's, 3rd and A SE, 8 p.m.
- 9 LOCAL REGISTRATION** for May 7 primary and November election. See page 4 for details.

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- 11 RESTORATION SOCIETY.** Guest speaker: W. F. Roeder, DC Sanitation Chief. Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, 4th & Ind. SE. 8 p.m.
- 12 "GREATEST LIVING RELIGIONS"** See March 5 listing.
- DC RECREATION BOARD MEETING.** Plans for Anacostia Park to be presented. 3149 16th NW. 2:30 p.m.
- 13 CIRCLE-ON-THE-HILL.** Meeting. "The Victims," film narrated by Dr. Benjamin Spock on the ways children learn prejudice. Friendship House, 619 D SE. 8 p.m.
- 14 COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORP. MEETING.** (Every 2nd Thurs.) 1328 Fla. NE. 8 p.m.
- 15 "NOTHING BUT A MAN,"** Lenten Film and Discussion Series. St. Mark's Church, 3rd and A SE. 8 p.m.
- 18 5TH PRECINCT ADVISORY COUNCIL.** Meeting. (Every third Mon.) 5th Precinct, 500 E SE. 8:30 p.m.
- 19 DISTRICT COUNCIL.** Meeting. District Bldg. 14th & E NW. 7:30 p.m.
- "GREATEST LIVING RELIGIONS."** See March 5 listing.
- 20 CAPITOL HILL COMMUNITY COUNCIL.** Meeting. St. Cecilia's School. 6th & E. Capitol. 8 p.m.
- SCHOOL BOARD.** Meeting. District Bldg. 14th & E NW. 7:30 p.m.
- 21 NEAR NE CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL.** Open Forum. (Every third Thurs.) Call 547-7200 for location. 8 p.m.
- 22 LOCAL REGISTRATION** for May 7 primary and November election. See page 4 for details.
- "NO EXIT,"** Lenten Film and Discussion Series. St. Mark's Church, 3rd and A SE. 8 p.m.
- 23 LOCAL REGISTRATION** for May 7 primary and November election. LAST DAY! See page 4 for details.
- 25 NEAR SE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL.** Meeting. (Every fourth Monday). Friendship House, 619 D SE, 8 p.m.
- 26 NEAR NE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL.** Meeting. (Every last Tues.) Calvary Church. 6th & I NE. 8 p.m.
- "GREATEST LIVING RELIGIONS."** See March 5th listing.
- 29 "SAWDUST AND TINSEL,"** (Ingmar Bergman), Lenten Film and Discussion Series, St. Mark's, 3rd and A SE. 8 p.m.

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teachers for Eastern. The four representatives of the group, led by junior Gregory Taylor, also urged that a board of parents, teachers and students be established to hire the successor to principal Madison W. Tigner, who retires this year. And they claimed to have the signatures of over 500 students "clearly stating that they are not getting the best education possible."

In addition, the group presented a plan to establish a Freedom School at Eastern, which would teach black history and black culture.

Those wishing to speak were handed numbered cards as they entered the crowded Hine auditorium. Over 100 cards were distributed but by 11 p.m.

only about half had made their statements.

The board asked virtually no questions of the witnesses and for the most part sat expressionless through the hearing. One board member, during a break in the testimony, described the session as providing "a community catharsis, one of the few useful things the board does."

Park To Jump

THE NATIONAL PARK Service is planning to set up temporary tents for daily recreation and entertainment events in Anacostia Park this summer. Among the events planned: dancing, handicrafts, jazz festivals, watermelon festivals, bike races, and rowboat races.

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